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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF FRENCH PAYMASTER GENERAL'S BUILDING

1. FRENCH EMBOFF HAS ADVISED US UNOFFICIALLY (THERE NO WORD OF THIS IN LOCAL PRESS) THAT RROC OF 40-50 FRENCH "COOPERANTS" SEIZED BUILDING BELONGING TO FRENCH PAYMASTER GENERAL HERE IN ALGIERS OCTOBER 19. GROUP STILL IN POSSESSION OF BUILDING, AND CANNOT BE DISLODGED. MOTIVE FOR SEIZURE IS APPARENTLY TO DRAMATIZE DEMANDS OF COOPERANTS FOR DECENT LODGING HERE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH LIES WITH ALGERIANS ACCORDING TO CULTURAL AVCORDS. FRENCH EMBASSY CONSIDERABLY EMBARRASSED, AND SEEMS AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT STEPS TO TAKE.

2. FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL ORAM INFORMS US CONGEN THERE ALSO OCCUPIED BY COOPERANTS ON OCTODER 15. COOPERANTS, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE HIM THREATEN TO HAVE THEM RECALLED. THEY PREFERRED STARVATION HER TO MILITARY SERVICE IN FRANCE.

3. (FYI: FRANCE HAS A LARGE AID AND CULTURAL PROGRM IN ALGERIA. DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT
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PROGRAM CONSISTS OF SOME 6,000 FRENCH COOPERANTS IN ALGERIA,

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MOST OF WHOM ARE TEACHERS, WITH A SEARLY DUDGET--INCLUDING
CULTKRAL CENTERS--OF SOME 70 MILLION DOLLARS.)
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